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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1645
SAID EL SHAMI) Examining Attorney:
Serial No.: 09/036,819) S. Devi, Ph.D.
Filed: March 9, 1998) Date: June 18, 2002
For: METHOD FOR MEASURING FREE) Pasadena, California
LIGANDS IN BIOLOGICAL)
FLUIDS, AND ASSAY KITS)
FOR MEASURING SAME)

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AMENDMENT

Laura Delarue
Date 6-19-2002

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 19, 2002.

Please cancel claim 54 and re-write as follows:

55. A method for determining the concentration of the free portion of testosterone
ligand in a biological fluid, wherein ~~said~~ free portion of testosterone is in equilibrium with
another portion of testosterone bound to one or more endogenous binders in said fluid